

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of manufacturing an inkless fingerprint composition and disposable applicator therefore comprising:

a) providing a first and second substantially nonpermeable foil strips, the strips have substantially the same width with the first strip being slightly longer than the second strip to provide an extended pull-tab when the strips are superimposed on one another;

b) providing an inkless fingerprint composition which is semisolid at ambient temperature, the composition including a color former which when applied to a person's fingerprint area and deposited onto a proper substrate in the presence of a developer forms a permanent colorant product representing the person's fingerprint;

c) evenly distributing a thin layer of the composition on a surface of one of the strips while leaving a border around the perimeter of the strip without the composition; and

d) placing the other strip over said one strip so that the composition is sandwiched between the strips with a peripheral border of both strips and the peel tab area being unencumbered with the composition.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the composition face border is about 1/16" in width.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the inkless composition is heated to a liquid phase prior to distributing the composition onto the strip.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the composition includes a nonstaining solvent compatible with the color former.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the color former comprises one or more metals of the salts are selected from the groups listed in the periodic table under columns 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A, 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, and 7B.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the color former is selected from one or more of the following transition metal salts: ferric chloride, titanium, vanadium, chromium, magnesium, cobalt, nickel, copper, zirconium, zinc, niobium, molybdenum, silver, tantalum and tungsten.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the solvent in the inkless fingerprint composition comprises one or more reagents from the following group: glycol, glycol fatty acid esters, fatty acids, and fatty alcohols.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the solvent is selected from one or more of the following group: glyceryl lanolate, glyceryl laurate, glyceryl myristate, glyceryl oleate/palmitate/ricinoleate, polyethylene glycol castor oils/cocoates/isosterates, polyethylene glycol lanolates, stearyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, cetyl palmitate, cetyl alcohol and bees wax ~~(a blend of fatty acid esters)~~.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the composition is in a liquid phase at a temperature of about 110° F and above.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the composition includes the developer and a sufficient amount of chelating agent capable of binding with the color former to substantially prevent the color former and developer from reacting in solution while permitting such reaction when the solution is applied to a person's fingerprint area and deposited onto a paper substrate.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the developer is selected from one or more of the group of:

2,4,6 - Trihydroxy Benzoic Acid

3,4,5 - Trihydroxy Benzoic Acid

Dimethyl Glyoxime

Rubeanic Acid

Potassium Ferrocyanide

Sodium Ferrocyanide

Pyrogallol

Hydroxyquinoline and its derivatives

Pyrocatechol

Propyl Gallate

Resorcinol

β -Resorcylic Acid

Tiron (4,5 - Dihydroxy-m-Benzene Disulfonic
acid Disodium Salt)

Gentisic Acid

Procatechuic Acid

Phloroglucinol

Tannic Acid

Sodium Tetrathionate

Sodium Thiosulfate

Diethyldithiocarbamic Acid

2-pyrrolidinecarbodithoic Acid

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the chelating agent is a carboxylic acid.

13. (Currently Amended) An ~~inkless~~ inkless fingerprint composition and disposable applicator therefore comprising:

a) first and second substantially nonpermeable foil strips, the strips have substantially the same width with the first strip being slightly longer than the second strip to provide an extended pull-tab when the strips are superimposed on one another; and

b) a thin layer of an inkless fingerprint composition sandwiched between the superimposed strips leaving a small peripheral border and the pull-tab area free of the composition, the composition including a solution of a color former which is semisolid at ambient temperature, the color former being characterized by forming a perceivable colorant product representing a person's fingerprint when applied to the person's fingerprint area and deposited onto a paper substrate in the presence of a developer.

14. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 13 where each of the foil strips comprise a plastic strip [[Mylar]] having a thickness within the range of about .001" to .005".

15. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 13 wherein the color former comprises one or more metals of the metal salts are selected from the groups listed in the periodic table under columns 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A, 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, and 7B.

16. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 15 wherein the metals of the metal salts are ~~color former is~~ selected from one or more of the following metals ~~transition metal salts: ferric chloride,~~ iron, titanium, vanadium, chromium, magnesium, cobalt, nickel, copper, zirconium, zinc, niobium, molybdenum, silver, tantalum and tungsten.

17. (Currently Amended) The invention of claim 16 wherein the solvent of the inkless fingerprint composition comprises one or more reagents from the following group: glycol, glycol fatty acid esters, fatty acids, and fatty alcohols.

18. (Original) The invention of claim 17 wherein the solvent is selected from one or more of the following group: glyceryl lanolate, glyceryl myristate, glyceryl oleate/palmitate/ricinoleate, polyethylene glycol castor oils/cocoates/isosterates, polyethylene glycol lanolates, stearyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, cetyl palmitate, cetyl alcohol and bees wax (a blend of fatty acid ester).

19. (Original) The invention of claim 13 wherein the composition is in a liquid phase at a temperature of about 110° F and above.

20. (Original) The invention of claim 13 wherein the composition includes the developer and a sufficient amount of chelating agent capable of binding with the color former to substantially prevent the color former and developer from reacting in solution while permitting such reaction when the solution is applied to a person's fingerprint area and deposited onto a paper substrate.

21. (Original) The invention of claim 13 wherein the composition free border is about 1/16" in width.

Claims 22-26 (cancelled).